



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Cowpens Elementary

Spartanburg 3

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 396

Principal: Cindy H. Snead

Superintendent: Dr. James O. Ray

Board Chair: Mr. Eddie Dearybury

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Good	Silver	Met	N/A
2006	Average	Good	Silver	Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT

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GOOD

12

AVERAGE

62

BELOW AVERAGE

11

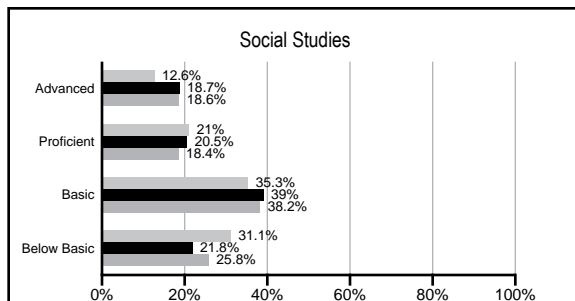
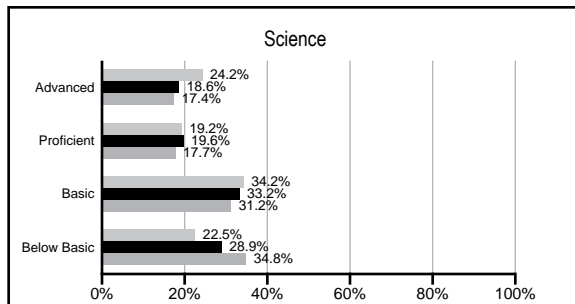
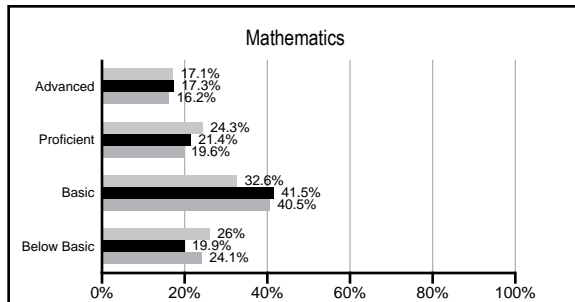
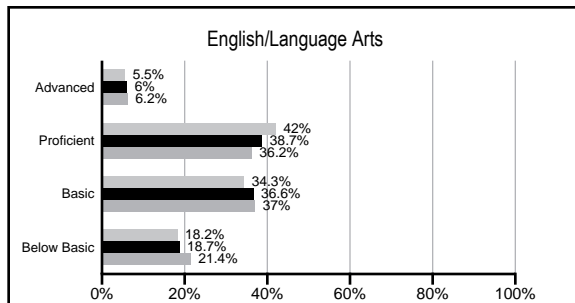
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\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



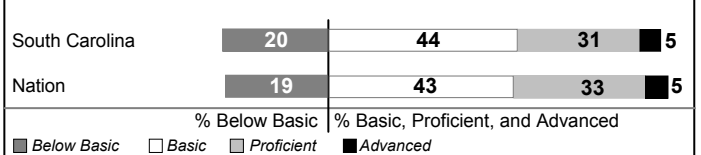
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING – GRADE 4 (2007)



### MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

2020 Goal: TBD

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=396)</b>				
Retention rate	1.6%	No Change	2.3%	2.3%
Attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 96.3%	96.3%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.6%	Down from 12.4%	12.1%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.4%	Up from 9.1%	8.3%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=25)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.0%	Up from 64.0%	56.4%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	96.0%	Up from 92.0%	79.3%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.9%	Up from 87.1%	87.7%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.5%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$52,585	Up 4.6%	\$45,292	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.4 to 1	Down from 20.7 to 1	18.8 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.9%	Down from 92.6%	90.1%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Fair	Down from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,232	Up 4.4%	\$6,606	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	59.8%	Down from 63.0%	68.9%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	57.9%	Up from 55.5%	65.3%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	82.4%		88.2%	85.7%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	60	35
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	95.0%	97.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	98.3%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	88.3%	88.6%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

2007-2008 was an exciting year of growth at Cowpens Elementary School. We received a Good Improvement Rating and met Adequate Yearly Progress for the fifth year in a row. In addition, we were named a Showcase School and a recipient of the Palmetto Silver Award for significant gains in student achievement. The faculty and staff at Cowpens Elementary School are focused on providing an educational experience that offers quality individualized learning opportunities and hands-on experiences for every child. Tailored focus-group instruction, based on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data, and inquiry-based math kits promoted growth in our students and excitement in our teachers.

Promethean Boards and Sound Field Systems were installed in special area classrooms to offer students the variety of multi-media instruction that they have grown accustomed to in their regular classrooms. Many CES teachers took advantage of a Promethean Board class taught by our district Technology Coach in cooperation with Converse College.

Students in 4 year-old kindergarten through fifth grade eagerly participated in and reached their goals in our school-wide reading challenge, "Bee Happy, Bee Healthy and Bee Wise." Students also participated in a wide variety of activities throughout the year that included ZestQuest, Walking Club, Running Club, Circus Team, sports camps, a variety show, musical performances, art shows, Art and Music Atlas, the Piedmont Science Fair, local and regional spelling bees, local writing contests, Student Council, Peer Helpers, and the Lt. Governor's Writing Award Program. Our new walking track gave students another opportunity to work toward a healthier lifestyle.

Our faculty and staff worked equally hard both inside and outside of the classroom during this school year. Two of our dedicated teachers completed a Masters of Education degree. Grants to help vary instruction were awarded to a third and a fourth grade teacher. A first grade teacher served as President of the SC Early Childhood Association, and our PE teacher is the President-elect of the SC Association of Physical Education and Sports. The entire faculty focused their attention on healthy life choices and won the district ZestQuest Challenge.

We are proud of the positive relationships that Cowpens Elementary School has with the local community and charitable organizations. Our school newsletter received an award for outstanding communications and public relation efforts by schools, and the school handbook and morning news program received Honorable Mention. Our faculty and students donated time, money, food items, and even locks of hair to a variety of causes from Mobile Meals to Relay for Life.

A committed faculty and staff, the latest in technology, and a supportive community allows Cowpens Elementary School to focus all of our efforts on our learners and their continued success.

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